

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 involved a rewriting of original claims in a manner applicant and his attorney in good faith believed were clear and definite. Applicant has in the present amendment further amended claims 8-14 to further clarify the same to overcome the various formal objections made by the Examiner, except the ones now to be discussed.

Thus, it is submitted that the term "socket wrench-making parts" of claims 8-12 and 14 objected to by the Examiner should be considered in the context of the wording of the rest of the claims involved. This wording makes it clear that the parts make what is called in the auto repair field in which the inventor works a "socket wrench". Claims 13 claims an assembly of these parts and thus begins with the expression "A socket wrench". Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner also objects to the various uses of the term "outer end" or "outer ends". It is submitted that the different uses of "outer" are proper, especially in light of the present amendments to the claims.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims as being unpatentable over Jarvis or Martinez in view of either Gadberry or Bellows is respectfully requested. It is submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art without knowledge of applicant's claimed invention would not think of combining these references in a manner to meet all of the very detailed claim limitations and none of the these references contains a disclosure which would teach how this would or could be achieved. The claims describe the details of the invention which permits the uniquely constructed and described wrench to rotate the differently sized nuts or other elements to be rotated by merely inserting a drive member into a selected one of the longitudinal ends of the wrench, while the other end fits over the element to be rotated.

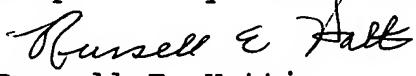
The newly found Gadberry and Bellows patents disclose a very large and cumbersome wrench where the drive member is an offset handle forming an integral part of the wrench. These patents do

not disclose or teach designing a wrench or wrench parts like that claimed where each end of the wrench is designed selectively to receive an external drive member which is passed through the socket at the selected end and into an inner smaller non-circular bore with which it interlocks while the socket at the other end is placed over the nut or other element to be driven by the wrench. All of the claims recite details of the wrench parts which provide this result and which are not even disclosed in any of these patents. All of the claims also recite a ball-forming member which permits relative pivoting of the opposite ends of the wrench. While the Jarvis and Martinez patents provide for such pivoting action, the Bellows and Gadberry patents with which they were combined do not. It is believed that these patents disclose designs debatably not suitable for combination with ball elements and even if they were they are not designed to be rotated by an external drive member.

Therefore, it is submitted that the Martinez and Jarvis devices are so different from the Gadberry and Bellows wrenches and from the wrench or wrench parts claimed that they are not properly combinable to meet all of the limitations claimed without improper hindsight knowledge of applicant's invention beforehand.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the presently amended claims should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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